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US ARMY CENTRAL REGISTRY  
513th INTELLIGENCE CORPS GROUP  
APO 154 US Forces

OUTLINE OF THE BRIEFING OF US ARMY CENTRAL REGISTRY - 3 SEPTEMBER 1962 -

I. History of the Central Registry.

A. Formed originally during World War II in Great Britain.

B. Following the end of World War II, these files were enlarged to include information on members of the Nazi party. In 1945 this was the primary reason for the continuance of the files that were started in Great Britain.

C. As the Communist threat grew, Counterintelligence information concerning Communist personalities was added until today the primary use of the files is to combat this threat.

D. The information that has been accumulated since the beginning has come from a number of sources both foreign and American.

E. The responsibility for the maintenance of the files.

1. Responsibility is primarily a G2 function, today this responsibility lies with Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence, USARMC. (DCSI)

2. This responsibility was placed on various Counterintelligence Corps organizations on 1 April 1962 when Central Registry was placed under the 513th INTC Gp. This includes operations, personnel, logistics and administration.

II. Mission of the Central Registry.

A. To provide a repository for intelligence information generated by or furnished to the U. A. Army in Europe. This information is primarily counterintelligence.

B. To furnish this information, upon request, to authorized agencies.

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C. To retire those dossiers with long range intelligence interest to the U. S. Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird.

III. Organization of Central Registry.

A. Operation and Administration Office.

1. Handles all personnel administration.
2. Processes requests for information.
  - a. Requests for information are approximately 30,000 each month. (TAB A)
  - b. Sends requests to Central Personality Index.
  - c. All "No Record" answers are returned directly to this office to be sent back to the agency making the request.

B. File Maintenance Branch.

1. Central Personality Index.
  - a. Basically there are three types of cards used.
    - (1). Subject Dossier card
    - (2). Reference Dossier Card
    - (3). Information Card
  - b. Currently have approximately 4.7 million cards. (TAB)
2. Impersonal Files.
  - a. Covers incidents, organizations, and publications.
  - b. Currently has approximately 100,000 cards.
3. Analysis Section. (TAB C)
  - a. Screens incoming information to determine if it meets criteria for retention. Information is received from same agencies authorized to submit requests for information.
  - b. Insures that personalities have been underlined in red and impersonal subjects have been underlined in blue so that carding unit

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can prepare the cards.

4. Carding Unit.

Types cards as indicated by Analysis Section.

C. File Research Branch

1. Approximately 15% (per cent) of requests received will have a record.

2. Has four desks where the research is made, information is extracted and prepared as a Summary of Information. (TAB B)

a. Intelligence Desk handles requests from:

- (1) Attaches
- (2) U. S. Army Intelligence Agencies
- (3) CAC Austria, Germany, France.
- (4) Office Naval Intelligence.
- (5) Office Special Investigations.
- (6) French Intelligence Agencies.
- (7) British Intelligence Agencies.
- (8) Austrian Intelligence Agencies.

b. Consulate Desk handles all requests from:

- (1) U. S. Embassies and Consulates.
- (2) U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.
- (3) Canadian Immigration.
- (4) Australian Immigration.

c. Employment Desk handles all requests from:

- (1) U. S. Army units.
- (2) European Exchange Service.
- (3) Labor Service.

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(4) Civilian Personnel Offices

d. German Desk handles all requests from:

- (1) German Army Intelligence. (BSW and MAD)
- (2) German Federal and State Security Agencies (BfV and LfV).
- (3) Federal and State Criminal Agencies (RKA and KLA).
- (4) Federal Intelligence Agency (BND).
- (5) Marriages.

3. Typing Pool.

4. Micro Film Library.

a. Has approximately one million and forty-five thousand (1,045,000) dossiers.

b. 11,500 one hundred feet rolls of microfilm.

c. For reading the micro film, both viewers and reader-printers are available.

5. Release of Information. (TAB C)

a. U. S. Intelligence Agencies receive detail replies.

b. Other U. S. agencies receive sanitized replies.

c. Information to a foreign government is released according to regulations and directives from DCSI.

d. Any request that is questioned is sent through DCSI for approval or disapproval prior to release.

D. File Control Branch. (TAB C)

1. Active and Service Unit.

a. Maintains a record of open cases.

b. Maintains the "hard" copy of the file until it is micro-filmed and retired to Fort Holabird or destroyed.

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- a. Screens and microfilms files.
  - b. After films have been developed and inspected, prepares and ships files to Fort Holabird.
3. Top Secret, Secret and Sensitive Control Unit.
- a. Maintains Top Secret and Secret logs.
  - b. Receipts for Top Secret and Secret material.
  - c. Prepares for dispatch Top Secret and Secret material.
  - d. Maintains strict control of dossier that has been declared sensitive for limited access.

IV. Processing a Request.

- A. Received in Administration Section.
- B. Sent to Central Personality Index.
  1. If "No Record" goes back to Administration Section where it is returned to Agency making the request.
  2. If there is a record or possible identification, the request is sent to the File Research Branch.
- C. File Research Branch.
  1. Makes research to determine if record is subject of request.
  2. Extracts the information, prepares a Summary of Information and returns to Agency making the request.
  3. If files indicate that Subject of request is of current operational interest to a member of the U. S. Intelligence Community, the request is referred to that member for answering.
  4. If files indicate that Subject of request is of a sensitive nature, the request is referred to the office that placed the sensitive

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restriction on the file for answering or any action they deem necessary.

V. Personnel.

A. 5 Officers.

B. 5 Warrant Officers

C. 44 Enlisted Men.

D. 45 Department of Army Civilian, all are American citizens, the majority of them are dependents of military personnel.

E. Clearances are compatible with job requirements.

VI. Growth of the Central Registry. (TAB A)

A. In the past, the input of cards into the Index has been at the rate of 20,000 per month. Four months ago, a more selective criteria was put into effect and the growth appears to be between 12,000 and <sup>5</sup>14,000 per month. It will take about 6 more months to get a true picture of how the new criteria will affect the growth.

B. Average about 200 new dossiers per month.

VII. Remarks.

A. The number of requests per month from the West German Agencies has more than doubled in the past four months. This is due to a re-screening program of all German government employees in responsible positions.

B. About 50 percent of the files that are here in the Central Registry are duplicated at Fort Holabird. The remainder are considered to be of interest to the local Command only.

C. In the event of an emergency, the plan is to move the Central Registry to a location in France.

VIII. Questions.

IX. A walk-through of the Central Registry.

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